

**UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL HO CHI MINH CITY
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement
2009 STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE
FOR STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS), U.S. Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City, is seeking candidates for the 2009 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders program.

SUSI for Student Leaders is an intensive academic program whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The institute, which lasts from **June 28 to August 2**, will consist of a series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations and lectures. Coursework and classroom activities will be complemented by educational travel to other parts of the United States, local site visits, and volunteer opportunities.

Undergraduate students who are in their first, second, or third year who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities and have a good command of English are invited to apply for the program. Up to eight scholarships are available for Vietnamese students. All participant costs will be covered by the U.S. Department of State. Application deadline is 5:00 PM, Monday, January 19, 2009.

Candidate Qualifications

Competition will be based on the potential of the candidates to become student leaders through academic performance, community involvement and extracurricular activities, without regard to their field of study, race, religion, or gender. Competition is open to all applicants who meet the following minimum criteria:

- ❖ be a first year, second year or third year student;
- ❖ be no more than 25 years of age;
- ❖ be committed to returning to their home universities following completion of their SUSI program;
- ❖ demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their university and community activities;
- ❖ indicate a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- ❖ have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated in grades, awards, and teacher recommendations;

- ❖ have demonstrated commitment to community and extracurricular activities;
- ❖ have had little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Vietnam;
- ❖ be mature, responsible, independent, confident, open-minded, tolerant, thoughtful and inquisitive;

How to apply?

Eligible candidates are invited to email complete application forms, which can be obtained at <http://hochiminh.usconsulate.gov> to the email address

NguyenLH2@state.gov no later than **5:00 PM, Friday, January 19, 2009**. Hard copies of applications should be sent to the following address by the same deadline.

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